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14 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT : Agency Support to the Paris Negotiations

1. Per our 13 June telephone conversation, we are sending Mr. Schwartz an input to the combined memorandum he is drafting on the actions being taken by various branches of the U.S. Government to engender public awareness and support for our Government's position in Paris. This memorandum will provide the summary you requested for your eyes only outlining the full range of Agency support to the negotiations and our negotiators.

2. The entire resources of this Agency -- including our [] Station, our Saigon Station, other field installations around the world, and the operational support and analytic components of our Washington headquarters -- have been mobilized to assist the American negotiating effort. To maximize efficiency and minimize the risk of lapses in concept or execution, all of the support and assistance provided is monitored and coordinated at one control point, this office -- which, as you know, is an integral part of the Director's office. The support and assistance in question includes the following specific types of activity:

- (a) We have assigned a senior intelligence analyst, [] to work full time on providing intelligence support to Governor Harriman, Ambassador Vance, and the U.S. delegation.
- [] travelled to Paris with the Governor's party and resides in the Hotel Crillon. He gives the delegation a daily scheduled briefing (0830 - 0900) on all relevant intelligence matters, gives additional briefings as required, and provides the contact point through which Governor Harriman, Ambassador Vance and their colleagues can levy requests for any additional Agency support they desire. We have also posted an experienced secretary/intelligence assistant to Paris to work full time with [] and assist

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him in supporting the delegation. [REDACTED]

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(b) To back up [REDACTED] we have set up an ad hoc structure in our Washington headquarters designed for rapid reaction and flexible response. Through this mechanism, [REDACTED] is immediately provided with all Agency publications and issuances relevant to his needs and those of the delegation. Through the same mechanism we provide [REDACTED] with special analyses, memoranda, or backup material requested by Governor Harriman, Ambassador Vance, or other delegation members. Since 9 May, we have provided fourteen such special studies on a wide variety of topics. Most of these have reached Paris by the business day following the one on which they were initially requested. In addition, through [REDACTED] we have provided the delegation with detailed name checks and biographic reports, updated on a continuing basis, on all members of the North Vietnamese delegation.

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(c) [REDACTED] has set up a special link to ensure the immediate relay to Paris of all pertinent DRV and NLF statements, broadcasts, articles and similar public utterances. This is supplemented by a daily cable analysis of North Vietnamese and NLF propaganda.

(d) World-wide, we have intensified our collection efforts on DRV attitudes, plans and intentions. In Vietnam itself, we have intensified our collection effort on the mood and temper of the GVN and the politically active segments of South Vietnamese society to keep watch on the situation in South Vietnam and on South Vietnamese attitudes related to or affected by the Paris talks. Through a specially devised series of message slugs and routing indicators, all intelligence derived from these world-wide efforts is immediately sent directly to Paris for [REDACTED] to screen and, where appropriate, pass to the delegation.

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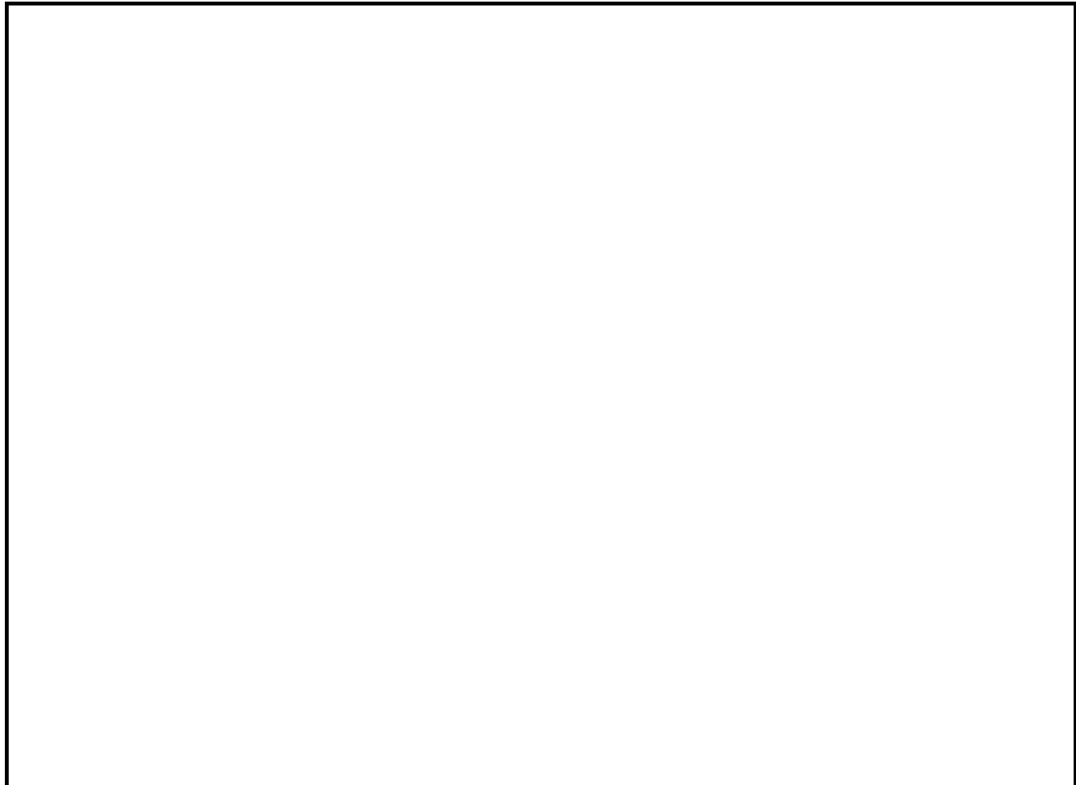
(e) In addition to the continuing briefing and analysis effort being conducted in Paris, we went over the entire Vietnamese situation with Governor Harriman, Ambassador Vance, and Mr. Habib here at our headquarters on 8 May

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(the afternoon before these gentlemen left initially for Paris). We also conducted a special intensive review and assessment of the Vietnam situation for Ambassador Vance here at headquarters on 29 May. (This session was also attended by Under Secretary Katzenbach.)

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(h) In Saigon, our Station is making a particular effort to keep watch over the developing situation in Vietnam itself to support Ambassador Bunker and the total U.S. effort, including the Paris talks. Under Ambassador Bunker's direction, we are also utilizing all of our channels to key Vietnamese leaders to reinforce and support the positions taken by the Ambassador in his official contacts.

(i) In Washington, as you are aware, this Agency is represented on and actively participates in the work of the Negotiations Back-Up Committee, chaired by Assistant Secretary Bundy; the Vietnam Information Committee, which

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you chair; and the special sub-committee of the latter group, set up at your direction and chaired by Mr. Thompson.

3. The above outlines the areas in which we are now mounting special efforts. Everything described in this memorandum can be summarized simply by saying that we are doing everything we can think of to support the U.S. negotiation effort and the work of our negotiators.

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